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(*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the section of the annual administration report of the department dealing with the Institute and to the audit reports of the Ink factory.

Application for State aid to the Magnesite Co., Salem.

* 1645 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the application made for State aid by Messrs. Abbas Hussain and J. Khader Baksha of the Abbas Magnesite Co., Salem, referred to in question No 814, answered on 29th November 1928, has been disposed of by the Government and how?

A.—The application has not yet been disposed of.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"May I enquire why there has been so much delay in disposing of this question?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"There has been some correspondence with the Government of India in regard to the deputation of an expert."

Public Health

Absence of a well-equipped hospital at Pollachi.

* 1646 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether complaints have been made to Government that the people of Pollachi are much inconvenienced by the absence of a well-equipped hospital at Pollachi;

(*b*) whether there is any lady medical officer at the hospital at Pollachi for attending upon and treating Gosha women;

(*c*) if not, whether the Government propose to rectify the defect; and

(*d*) whether there is at present any, and if so, what proposal before the Government to provide additional and adequate medical facilities for the people of Pollachi?

A.—(*a*) No such complaints have been received.

(*b*) No; but there is a separate municipal dispensary intended exclusively for women and children, in charge of a lady sub-assistant surgeon.

(*c*) There is no proposal to appoint a lady doctor in the Government hospital at Pollachi.

(*d*) A proposal to appoint a second medical officer (sub-assistant surgeon) in the hospital is under consideration.

Treatment of patients suffering from venereal diseases.

* 1647 Q—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken to provide proper facilities for the treatment of women patients suffering from venereal diseases in the Madras General Hospital; and

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(b) whether Government propose to detail for duty under the expert on venereal diseases two or three lady medical graduates for examining women out-patients or in-patients in the General Hospital?

A.—(a) The re-modelling scheme of the General Hospital now in progress includes provision for a new venereal deceases block with 20 beds in the female wards.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar :—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister will take steps to give effect to the suggestion implied in my question?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"May I ask which suggestion the hon. Member is referring to?"

Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar :—"The suggestion contained in clause (b) of my question, Sir."

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"Yes; I will consider it."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"May I know whether there is any provision at present for treating venereal cases in the General Hospital now?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"In every hospital where venereal patients go, they are treated."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"May I know whether, after the closure of the Locke Hospital in Broadway, a certain section was set apart in the General Hospital for the treatment of venereal cases, whether those beds still remain there, or whether they have been closed down? Who is in charge of those beds now? I should like also . . . ."

(The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar rose to reply.)

The hon. the President :—"The hon. Member has not finished putting his questions."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"I should like to ask the hon. Minister whether there is a general complaint that women patients who come for treatment there are ill-treated and whether there is indecent exposure in the presence of students, etc. I should like to know what steps the hon. Minister proposes to take to put down this habit, to see that the treatment of patients is decent and to make the institution more popular."

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"If all the information which the hon. Member has conveyed is correct, the matter requires to be looked into and I shall do so."

Education

Opening of a separate Middle School for Muhammadan boys at Bezwada.

* 1648 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Bezwada Municipal Council has been urging on the Government to establish a separate middle school for Muhammadan boys at Bezwada and

(b) whether the Government intend to establish such a school in the next school year?